for production of rabi foodgrains, a strategy for increasing rabi foodgrains production in 1991-92 has been drawn in consultation with the State Governments during the National Conference on Agriculture for Rabi Campaign. These include contingency cropping; larger area coverage under rabi/summer rice, wheat, rabi/summer maize, pulses etc. bringing additional area under irrigation from major and medium schemes. These steps are in addition to implementation of the ongoing Special Thrust Programme like Special Foodgrain Production Programme (SFPP) National Pulses Development Programma (NPDP) etc.

New Petroleum and Gas Policy

2458. DR. C. SILVERA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to evolve a Petroleum and Gas policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c)whether the new policy will include recommendations of the Dasgupta Committee; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons there for?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) to (d). Existing policies are continually refined depending on merging circumstances. There is no proposal under consideration of the Government at present to evolve a new petroleum and gas policy as such.

[*Translation*]

Production and Consumption of Petroleum Products in Maharashtra

2459. SHRI VILASRAO NAGNATHRAO GUNDEWAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated production and consumption of petroleum products in Maharashtra; and

(b) the steps proposed to be taken during the coming year to bridge the gap, if any, between production and consumption of these products?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) and (b). Production of Petroleum Products is made refinerywise and not State-wise. The consumption of petroleum products in Maharashtra during 1990-91 was 9446 TMT. Petroleum products are freely available in Maharashtra at present.

Scheme for Quake-Hit Areas

2460. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULATRE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have formulated any special scheme for the development of the quake-hit areas of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether tha Union Govarnment propose to allocate additional funds to the State Government for the development of these quake-hit hilly regions of Uttar Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULATURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMCHANDRAN): (a) and (b). Govt. of India have formulated a programme to assist the Govt. of Uttar Pradesh for reconstruction of 20,000 houses in the earthquake affected areas. This proposal involves the following assistance from Govt. of India:-

i) Loan assistance of Rs. 30.00 crores.

ii) Technical assistance for designing the appropriate earthquake resistant buildings.

iii) Setting up of 3 building centres and 6 sub-centres for technology transfer and assistande for building material components.

It is also proposed to seek assistance from World Bank for reconstruction of damaged infrastructure.

(c) and (d). Over and above the share of Rs. 67.50 crores towards the Calamity Relief Found of Rs. 90.00 crores, the Central Government has released Rs. 25.00 crores as 'Ways and Means' advance for relief operations in the earthquake affected areas.

Irrigation Projects and Dams in Maharashtra

2461. SHRI VILASRAO NAGNATHRAO GUNDEWAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the irrigation projects and dams in Maharashtra which are receiving foreign assistance;

(b) the present stage of construction of each such project; and

(c) the time by which those are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) to (c). The details of Irrigation Projects and Dams in Maharashtra receiving external assistance, present stage of construction and the likely time of completion is contained in Statement given below.